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1. THE EMBASSY ASSESSMENTS CONTAINED IN BERLIN 5331
REMAIN VALID. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE INTENDED TO
SUPPLEMENT POINTS MADE. PARAGRAPHS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS
IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFTEL B.

2. (7.A) TO THE EXTENT THAT PRESS TREATMENT IS AN
ACCURATE MEASURE OF OFFICIAL INTEREST, THE AREAS OF PRINCIPAL
CONCERN TO THE GDR ARE DISARMAMENT AND LAW OF THE SEA.
WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL GDR OBJECTIVE
IN THE AREA OF MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY IS TO STRENGTHEN
ITS INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY AND GOOD STANDING IN THE
COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. A SECOND AIM WILL BE TO SUPPORT
SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THESE
CONCERNS ARE LIKELY TO OVERRIDE THE IMMEDIATE SUBSTANTIVE
ISSUES INVOLVED. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE GDR WOULD
ATTEMPT TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
AREA AND ONE AS CONSTRUCTIVE AS THE LIMITS ON ITS POLICY
FLEXIBILITY WILL ALLOW.

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3. (7.B) AS NOTED PARA . B, REF C, THE GDR
POLICIES IN THE MULTILATERAL AREA ARE DETERMINED BY
THE SOVIET UNION. WE DOUBT THAT A GDR DELEGATION WOULD
TAKE A POSITION ON A SUBSTANTIVE MATTER DIFFERENT FROM
THAT OF THE USSR. WE ASSUME THAT SOVIET AND GDR
DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CONSULT AND

COORDINATE CLOSELY. WE WOULD ALSO ASSUME THAT IF SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE USSR SHOULD ARISE ON ISSUES OF REAL IMPORTANCE TO THE GDR, THE GDR WOULD ATTEMPT TO MODIFY SOVIET POSITION BUT THIS WOULD BE DONE ONLY WITHIN A PRIVATE BILATERAL CONTEXT OR WITHIN AN EASTERN EUROPEAN CACUS AND WOULD NO BE ALLOWED TO SURFACE IN PUBLIC.

4. (7.C) AS NOTED REFTEL C, WE BELIEVE GDR DELEGATIONS ARE FULLY INSTRUCTED. WE WOULD EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST ON ISSUES NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTING GDR INTERESTS, THE DELEGATIONS ARE PROBABLY ALSO INSTRUCTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SOVIET AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT THE GDR DELEGATION WOULD BE ABLE TO MODIFY POSITIONS ON THE SPOT WITHOUT HAVING TO REFER BACK TO BERLIN FOR INSTRUCTIONS. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BERLIN AND ITS DELEGATION ARE PROBABLY GOOD AND THE GDR CAN EXERCISE AS EFFECTIVE CONTROL AS IT WISHES.

5. (7.E) THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE OCCASION ON WHICH THE GDR MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO US REPRESENTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WOULD BE IF WE COULD IDENTIFY A MAJOR GDR INTEREST THAT WAS AT STAKE AND EVEN IN THAT SITUATION THE GDR WOULD NOT OPENLY BREAK WITH A SOVIET POSITION.

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6. AS A GENERAL OBSERVATION WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED AT POST THE BETTER. IT TAKES TIME TO DIGEST INCOMING MATERIALS, PREPARE NECESSARY BRIEFING AND TALKING POINTS PAPERS AND TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. SECONDLY, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO IDENTIFY ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE IN THE ISSUE, PARTICULARLY IF THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET PERCEIVED THESE INTERESTS. WE RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS WHICH THIS ENTAILS, PARTICULARLY IF IT MUST BE DONE ON A GLOBAL BASIS, BUT SUCH TAILORING TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS WOULD MAKE APPROACHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS MORE EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE.

7. EMBASSY DESIGNATES OTHO E. ESKIN, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL SECTION, AS MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER. POLANSKY

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